

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably mountable to a support stand~~adapter~~ operable to support a computing device, comprising:
 - said computing device; and
 - said adapter;
 - said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,
 - said adapter including:
 - a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;
 - a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand; and
 - a latch provided from said top surface, ~~operable to engage a~~ engaging said cooperating opening in a~~said~~ computing device to secure a~~said~~ computing device to said top surface of said support plate.
2. (currently amended) The adapter~~assembly~~ of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~said computing device is a portable computing device
3. (currently amended) The adapter~~assembly~~ of claim 1 wherein said connector

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includes a threaded stud exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

4. (currently amended) The adapter-assembly of claim 1 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening exposed at said bottom surface, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

5. (currently amended) An-A supported assembly including the adapter-assembly of claim 1, further comprising having a said support stand, said support stand including a tripod mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

6. (currently amended) The adapter-supported assembly of claim 6-5 wherein the said support stand includes a photography tripod.

7. (currently amended) The adapter-assembly of claim 2 wherein said portable computing device has a bottom surface, said cooperating opening includes a secure keyhole in said bottom surface, and said latch is operable to engage a engages said secure keyhole provided in a bottom surface of the portable computing device.

8. (currently amended) The adapter-assembly of claim 7 wherein said adapter includes a plurality of said latches are provided from said top surface.

9. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 8 wherein said adapter further comprising includes one or more pivots operable to guide the said portable computing device to an engaging position with said adapter.

10. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 2 wherein said support plate further comprises one or more sidewalls extending upwardly from said top surface, said one or more sidewalls having dimensions such that when said adapter is attached mounted to the said portable computing device, said one or more sidewalls does not obstruct elements of the said portable computing device normally available for use in normal operation.

11. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 2 further comprising a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating with corresponding electrical connectors of the said portable computing device and a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the electrical connectors of the said portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

12. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 11 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a port replicator for the said portable computing device.

13. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 12 wherein said adapter is further operable to function as a docking station for the said portable computing device.

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14. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device, said adapter being removably mountable to a support stand ~~adapter operable to support a computing device~~, comprising:

said computing device; and

said adapter;

said computing device having electrical connectors and at least one cooperating opening for engagement by a latch,

said adapter including:

a support plate having a top surface and a bottom surface opposite said top surface;

a connector provided from said bottom surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a support stand;

a latch provided from said top surface, ~~operable to engage a~~ engaging said cooperating opening in a ~~said~~ computing device to secure a said computing device to said top surface of said support plate;

a plurality of interior electrical connectors for mating ~~mated~~ with said corresponding electrical connectors of said the portable computing device; and

a plurality of exterior electrical connectors coupled to said interior electrical connectors, said exterior electrical connectors adapted to mate with a plurality of corresponding cables, thereby connecting the said electrical connectors of said portable computing device to the corresponding cables.

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15. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 14 wherein the said computing device is a portable computing device having a bottom surface, and said cooperating opening includes having a secure keyhole in a said bottom surface of said portable computing device thereof, wherein and said latch engages the said secure keyhole in the said portable computing device.

16. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded stud extending outwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded stud adapted to engage a cooperating threaded opening of the support stand.

17. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 14 wherein said connector includes a threaded opening extending inwardly from said bottom surface of said support plate, said threaded opening adapted to engage a cooperating threaded member of the support stand.

18. (currently amended) An A supported assembly including the adapter assembly of claim 14, further comprising having a said support stand mounted to said connector at said bottom surface such that said top surface of said support plate faces away from said support stand.

19. (currently amended) The adapter assembly of claim 14-15 wherein said portable

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computing device includes a plurality of said secure keyholes, and said adapter including a plurality of said latches are provided from said top surface, said latches operable to engage a engaging said plurality of secure keyholes of the said portable computing device.

20. (currently amended) An assembly including a computing device and an adapter engageably mounted to said computing device adapter operable to support a computing device, comprising:

said computing device; and

said adapter;

said computing device including a cooperating opening engageable by a latch,

said adapter including:

a support plate having a top surface and a side surface adjacent said top surface;

a connector provided from said side surface, adapted to removably mount said support plate to a cooperating support, the cooperating support oriented in a substantially vertical direction; and

a latch provided from said top surface, said latch operable to engage a engaging said cooperating opening in a said computing device to secure a said computing device to said top surface of said support plate.